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**MARCH 9, 2018**

**The Honorable Samantha J. Lukoff takes the Oath of Office as a  
Commissioner of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Samantha J. Lukoff was publicly sworn in for her first term as a Commissioner of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 3 p.m. on March 9, 2018 in Courtroom 8B at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington. Commissioner Lukoff replaces the Honorable John Carrow who retired in September.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and administered the Oath of Office. The Commissioner's daughters, Logan and Bennett Johns, held the Prayer Book during the oath and afterward the Commissioner's husband, Hank Johns, assisted the Commissioner in putting on her judicial robe.

The invocation was performed by Commissioner Lukoff's sister, Gabrielle Lukoff.

Following the Oath of Office, Gov. John Carney, Family Court Judge Natalie Haskins, Cleon Cauley, Esq., and the Commissioner's father, Paul Lukoff, Esq., offered remarks.

Prior to being nominated, Commissioner Lukoff has been an Assistant Public Defender with the Delaware Office of Defense Services where she was a Juvenile Justice Policy Specialist and represented defendants in Family Court.

From 2009-2012 and again from 2014-2017, Commissioner Lukoff worked as a public servant in the City of Wilmington, first providing legislative assistance to Wilmington's City Council, then in 2014 as deputy to the Mayor's Chief of Staff and leader of the City's Integrated Technologies Department.

From 2005 to 2009, Commissioner Lukoff served as a Deputy Attorney General at the Delaware Department of Justice where she prosecuted juvenile misdemeanor and felony cases and child support cases in Family Court.

She also taught courses in Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Judiciary and Computer Applications in Criminal Justice at Delaware Technical & Community College from 2012 to 2014.

Commissioner Lukoff earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and her law degree from the Widener University School of Law.

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